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Selectmen discuss \$300,000 in cuts

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE – Selectmen briefly discussed the need to cut about \$300,000 from the town's fiscal 2021 budget as it is expected that local and state revenues will be down this year due to the economic disruption of COVID-19.

"Based on new revenue projections, this may not be enough," said Town Manager Stuart Beckley, referring to state aid likely being reduced. A state budget may not be finalized until August.

He said during the recession 10 to 12 years ago, state aid was reduced by as much 25 to 30 percent, and if that is the case this year, the town will probably have to cut between \$500,000 and \$550,000.

Among the \$300,000 in cuts being considered is \$100,000 to the school budget, a number of smaller equipment for different departments and a reduction in money for the Young Men's Library Association.

The town may have to develop a one-twelfth budget for July and August, until the state's budget is finalized.

Town Meeting quorum

Selectmen voted to reduce the quorum needed to hold a Town Meeting from 100 to 25. The Annual Town Meeting will be held on Monday, June 22, at 6:30 p.m., in Town Hall in the Great Hall. Social distancing measures will be put in place. The Annual Town Election will be held Monday, June 29.

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Three vie for board

WARREN– Due to COVID-19, the Annual Town Elections for Warren has been rescheduled to Tuesday, June 16, and the only contested race is that of one selectman's seat for which there are three candidates: Peter H. Krawczyk, Dario Nardi and David Dufresne.

The three candidates have submitted statements for voters to consider in making up their minds in voting for selectman.

On June 16, Warren and West Warren precincts will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and West Brookfield's polls will be open from 10 a.m. to noon and again from 6 to 8 p.m.

In an effort to keep residents safe, Warren Town Clerk Nancy Lowell is recommending voters fill out the 2020 Municipal Election Early Ballot Application in order to have a ballot mailed to them.

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Masterpieces unveiled on Main Street

Community-based art project in progress

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE – Eight tongue-in-cheek masterpieces were unveiled this past week on Main Street as part of Workshop13's effort to brighten up Main Street and in the process give artists and art-lovers something to look forward to during COVID-19 quarantining.

The paintings are a fun take on Ware's name and the question all Ware residents have heard at some point "Where?" And one of their answers, "Ware!"

The masterpieces, incorporating where and Ware, were the brainchild of Barre artist Pam Spielberg, who envisioned a number of artists choosing a favorite famous painting to duplicate with their own take on it.



Turley Publications staff photos by Eileen Kennedy
Raquel Laine, who teaches art at Valley View School, chose to reproduce William H. Johnson's "Cafe."

With the quarantine in place, it became a favorite activity for the artists involved and for residents to anticipate.

"I'm not an artist and I don't usually paint, I'm more of a

fiber artist," said Workshop13 Executive Director Marie Lauderdale on Saturday, the last day of the reveal. She painted a

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Ware Remembers 2020 to be a video event

WARE – While Ware Remembers, now in its 10th year, is not a public event this year, residents can watch the ceremony on Ware Community Television on Sunday, May 24, at 6 p.m. It will also run periodically on the public access station.

The preparations remain the same this year as volunteers, including Scouts from the Ware Boy Scout Troop 281, were busy in the days leading up to it creating a field of flags on the lawn of the Ware Center Meeting House and Museum on Route 9.

The event is a partnership with the Ware Veterans Council and the Ware Historical Society will continue to honor loved ones with a field of flags on the Ware Center Meeting House green. Eagle Scouts under the guidance of Scoutmaster Dan Flynn, of Ware Boy Scout Troop 281, again place rows of flags paying homage to persons living or deceased, residents of Ware or non-residents, military or non-military.

With quarantine and other safety precautions in effect, it was decided it would not be a public event this year.

A donation of \$5 per one



A volunteer helps put up the field of flags for Ware Remembers.

form, one name per form includes placement of our American Flag on the green and honoree inclusion in the reading of the roll call.

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Courts remain closed through June 1

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts' many courts remain closed after the state Supreme Judicial Court ordered courts to remain closed to the general public through June 1.

But one thing that has not been as clear to many individuals is how to access a modified court system while the state of emergency is in effect.

The Hampden, Hampshire, and Northwestern District Attorneys' offices are operating with a reduced staff in person at the courthouse. Judges in all the courts are on a rotation as well to limit their exposure to the public.

According to a message from the Supreme Judicial Court, court appearances are still limited to "emergency matters." The newest order was issued on April 27, and stated the following:

"The Supreme Judicial Court today issued an updated order, which will be effective May 4,

2020, regarding the operation of Massachusetts state courts and courthouses during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Under the new order, until at least June 1, 2020, all courts of the Commonwealth will continue to be open to conduct court business, but courthouses will continue to be closed to the general public, except where entry is required to address emergency matters that cannot be addressed virtually (by telephone, video-conference, email, or comparable means, or through the electronic filing system).

Jury trials in both criminal and civil cases in state courts are postponed to a date no earlier than July 1, 2020. All bench trials, in both criminal and civil cases are postponed to a date no earlier than June 1, unless they may be conducted virtually by agreement of the parties and of the court. The new order also extends various deadlines."

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Town office reopening discussed

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

HARDWICK – Selectmen discussed the process of opening town offices back up to the public at their Monday meeting.

Town Administrator Theresa Cofsky said it will be at least a week or two before town offices are opened up to the public, after municipal officers were closed by state order to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

A plan is being put in place while working out the details such as staggering office hours, asking people to call for an appointment to manage foot traffic into the Municipal Building, and the installation of Plexiglas to protect workers and residents, she said.

A hand-washing station and additional personal protection equipment will be needed to put out for the public, she said. Dividing lines, and possibly the removal of carpet in some offices may be necessary.

The plan is being developed by Cofsky, Emergency Director Erik Volheim and Board of Health member Tex Sarabia.

"We also have to rethink how we're going to clean the offices every day," Cofsky said. They will be solidifying a plan and will have to the selectmen for their next meeting.

A written plan by each department head will also be submitted to Cofsky, who will look it over, and it will kept on file at her office.

Budget

Selectmen decided to look at creating a one-twelfth budget of essential services at least through



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Each week the Ware River News digs into its submitted photo archives and selects a people photo to publish. We need your help to help identify those pictured.

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Last week's Are You Old News? Photo was of participants in the forthcoming Fourth Annual Body and Sole Dance Recital that was to take place on June 14, 1991. Pictured are dancers Emilie Brodeur, Guilia Porter, Amanda Huckins and Crystal Bower. In the front row are Kaitlin Hughes, Jamie Kenyon and Stephanie Boucher.

Some essential services

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Taco Bell, West Street, 413, 967-4898
McDonald's, West Street
Wicked Wings, 413-277-0020, hours vary

Banks (drive through services)

Country Bank West Street
Monson Savings, West Street
Westfield Savings, Gibbs Crossing
North Brookfield, Main Street

Groceries

Big Y , 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Walmart, 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Convenience/Liquor

Brusso's, West Main Street
Jane Alden, West Street
Ware Package Store, Main Street
Cumberland Farms, West Street
Brookside Mart, West Street

Meals/Food Pick up

Children under 18
Ware Middle School, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Kidstop, Pleasant St., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Hillside Village, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Seniors, Senior Center 967-9648, ext.501, week-days 11:30 a.m.
Trinity Church, Jubilee Cupboard, Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon, diapers also available
Food Bank distribution, Hillside, Third Tuesdays, 1 to 2 p.m.

Home Services

BEC Heating and Plumbing
Lowe's
Walmart
Lagrange Electric
Senior Outreach program, 413-867-3001

Pharmacies

Wal-Mart, 9 a.m.
Walgreens, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
CVS, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

We would like to thank all of our customers that have helped us during this pandemic to keep staff and others safe. We will continue to ask all of you to practice our safety rules that are posted throughout the store. In the meantime, we are working diligently to find our customers the best prices. We understand there may be some sticker shock at this time but please remember this is only temporary. 90 Meat encourages you to shop our frozen section for the best values until the market comes back down. In addition, we wish our customers, friends and staff a happy Memorial Day. While we may not be able to gather with family this year, take this time to appreciate the health and safety of you and yours. Soon again we will be able to gather together in happiness. Until that time, we urge you all to stay the course as this too will pass.

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WARE – The Ware Junior Senior High School yearbook advisor and staff are working hard to complete both of the yearbooks and make sure they are printed

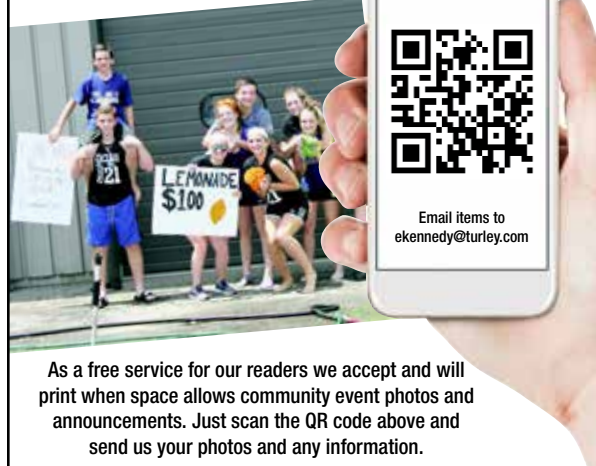
Due to the uncertainty of school schedules and limited copies, the school asks that students order their yearbooks

It can be ordered online at JostensYearbooks.com or by calling 1-877-767-5217 from 8 a.m. 5 p.m. Central Standard time Monday through Friday.

A cell phone can also be used to scan the QR code included here.

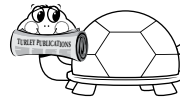


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As a free service for our readers we accept and will print when space allows community event photos and announcements. Just scan the QR code above and send us your photos and any information.

Turley the Turtles



Turley the Turtle took a hiatus last week, but he's back in this week's pages.

The correct turtle count for the May 7th edition was 7. The paper does not count the turtle in the notice about the contest that runs every week.

CORRECTION

In the May 15, 2020 edition of the Ware River News the date of the Ware Annual Town Election is incorrect. The correct date of the election is Monday, June 29.

Canterbury Tails Veterinary Clinic

Canterbury Tails Veterinary Clinic is pleased to announce their new Practice Manager Jennifer Whitehead. Jennifer graduated from the University of Connecticut in 2009 with a major in Animal Science, and minor in Sociology. She has spent the last decade working as a Veterinary Technician in a well-established small animal and exotic veterinary hospital in Connecticut, this has given her a strong foundation for her new position.

Jennifer grew up in East Windsor, CT, where her love for animals began. Her family adopted a lop rabbit named Georgie, and many more to follow after him. She has had the pleasure of taking care of many different species of patients, including rabbits, birds, guinea pigs, dogs, cats, and many more. Jennifer is a lover of Basset Hounds. When not working, she can be found taking her 7-year-old rescued Basset "Lemon" for a waddle. Jennifer is eager to meet all the patients of Canterbury Tails!



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Hardwick to hold Town Election on June 16

Special, ATM also scheduled

HARDWICK – In accordance with Chapter 45 of the Acts of 2020, the Board of Selectmen have voted to reschedule the Hardwick Annual Town Election from Monday, April 13, to Tuesday, June 16, at the Hardwick Elementary School located at 76 School House Drive. This law also established and allowed for several things relevant to voter registration, the election date, ballots and other materials, voting in person and alternatives to voting in person such as absentee voting.

In addition Governor Charles Baker signed a COVID-19 Order #13, on March 23, which limits gathering to 10 or fewer people, Order #13 shall not apply to any municipal legislative body, the General Court or the Judiciary. That being said a notice of the rescheduled election date and a sample ballot are available on the town's website www.townofhardwick.com and on www.mytown-government.org/01031.

A voter registration session will take place at the Municipal Building, 307 Main St. on Friday, June 5, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m. The Town Clerk will be working during those hours and will be available by phone at 413-477-6700, ext. 104, to assist anyone needing help registering to vote or who have questions pertaining to their voter registration status or the election. Persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of Hardwick, and who will be at least 18 years old on or before June 16 are eligible to register. Those residents meeting these qualifications (who are not already registered to vote in Hardwick) and who have a Massachusetts driver's license can submit their registration online at www.RegisterToVoteMA.com, or print and sign the Voter Registration Form and return it to Town Clerk, P.O. Box 575, Gilbertville, MA, 01031, or drop the form into the drop box located outside, near the main entrance of the Municipal Building. Voter registration forms are also available at most post offices.

The law authorizes the Town to use election materials originally prepared with the original election date. Therefore, we will be using the official and absentee ballots that were prepared and dated for the April 13 Annual Town Election. A sample ballot is available for your perusal at the Town's website www.townofhardwick.com.

People who are taking precautions related to COVID-19, or are physically unable to come to the polls due to a disability, or will be absent from town during voting hours, or due to religious beliefs is unable to vote in person at the polls, or if they would just prefer not to come to the polls to vote on Election Day, may request an Absentee Ballot to Early Vote. Early Vote-Absentee Ballot applications are available online at www.townofhardwick.com and on the bulletin board at each of the three post offices in Hardwick. Please fill out the application, sign it and mail it to the Town Clerk or drop it in the drop box at the Municipal Office Building. Please allow for ample time for the mailing of the absentee ballot application/ballot and for the ballot to be returned to the Town Clerk no later than the close of the polls on June 16, in order for the ballot to be counted. The polls will be open on Election Day for those voters who wish to cast their ballots in person. The town will follow the guidelines set for social distancing, requiring masks being worn by voters as well as poll workers.

Special Town Meeting

A Special Town Meeting is scheduled for June 2, at 6 p.m. at the Hardwick Elementary School. Some of the items to be addressed on the warrant include an article for the reconstruction of Routes 32 and 32A, an article for overdrawn accounts from fiscal 2019, an article for unprovided for accounts in fiscal 2020, and an article to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay for the costs to plan, design, permit and construct improvements and upgrades to the Gilbertville Water Pollution Control Facility, the Wheelwright Water Pollution Control Facility and the Route 32A sewer line extension upgrade from Eagle Hill School to the Gilbertville Water Pollution Collection System. The town will follow the guidelines set for social distancing as well as requiring masks being worn by town officials and voters. A voter registration session will be held on Thursday, June 4, at the Municipal Building, 307 Main St., from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. to register voters who wish to vote at the Special Town Meeting.

The Selectmen have also set the date for the Annual Town Meeting to be Wednesday, June 24, at 6 p.m. at the Hardwick Elementary School.

Candidates for WARREN SELECTMEN



David Dufresne

I'm a family man with a military and law enforcement background. I served nine years in the Marines and work as a federal police officer, a job I have held for nearly 20 years. Combined, I have 29 years of leadership experience. I attended college and received a bachelor's degree with honors in criminal justice.

My experiences have taught me to do the most with the least amount of resources, along with being able to bring diverse people together to achieve goals. I got involved in town politics when a large scale solar project was proposed near my home, and like so many others, I didn't want to see the environment destroyed. I joined the Planning Board and I worked closely with our Conservation Commission and other town offices to share ideas and experience.

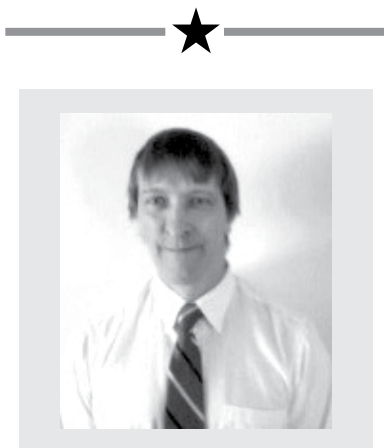
I met many people at Selectmen's, Planning Board and Conservation Commission meetings. They have expressed their frustration with some of our elected officials. I heard their frustration and began asking questions of these officials as to why residents' concerns were not being addressed. I quickly learned that some of our town officials lack the ability to improve our town. Some refuse to believe improvements are possible, and threaten taxes are going up or town employees may be laid off. This is unacceptable and our town deserves better from our officials.

I will save residents as much money as I can with a realistic bud-

get that takes each dollar and puts it in the place it will have the best outcome. I have and will continue to make myself available for residents who want to share their ideas and concerns. I will explore every option that will benefit our town, and seek solutions at little to no cost to the taxpayers.

We need to aggressively seek grants and bring new business to town along with making sure the businesses we already have do well. The success of Warren is vital to me as my wife and I raise our children in the community. Warren should be a town where residents feel like they can participate in their local government and their experience and knowledge are valued. Vote for me if you want a selectman that will make Warren better for all.

To find out more about me please join my Facebook group at David Dufresne for Warren MA.



Peter H. Krawczyk

My name is Peter H. Krawczyk, born and raised in Warren. I am currently running for the office of selectman for the town of Warren because I believe that positive change only comes when dedicated people step up to the challenges facing the community.

I feel confident that the wealth of experiences I have had on committees and projects affecting Warren over the years will help me be an effective and dedicated full-time selectman.

In 2003, for example, I was a board member for a small civic group called the Warren Taxpayers Association. We were a watchdog group that pledged to take a more active role in our community by attending meetings and reviewing the town's School Committee budgets and projects to be sure they were in the town's best interest.

Later, in 2007, I was elected to the Planning Board and served on that board for 10 years. I was also a delegate to the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission for the town of Warren during all the years I was on the Planning Board. While in that position, I was instrumental in helping the town obtain assistance on important projects and grants. As a delegate at CMRPC, I volunteered to serve on the Physical Development and Budget Committees. These experiences gave me a chance to oversee how much money was spent each year on projects in surrounding towns.

I also served as a delegate on the Western Mass Casino Task Force Committee, which served as a regional voice on concerns surrounding casinos.

For 10 years I have also been taking classes hosted by the Citizen Planner Training Collaborative. These classes have kept me up to date on the newest trends in municipal planning.

Over the years, I have attended numerous town board and committee meetings in order to educate myself and to better understand the reasoning behind important town decisions.

As a selectman my plan is to improve services while at the same time finding ways to control costs. I believe Warren needs to embrace changing times and implement new ideas in order to grow.

My knowledge of Warren's government and my deep dedication to the town, make me a top candidate for the position of selectman and I look forward to your support on June 16.

both post offices. It can also be downloaded at www.warren-ma.gov. Anyone with questions should contact Warren Town Clerk Nancy J. Lowell at 413-436-5701, ext. 3.

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Please reference the back of the application which explains that these can be returned in three different ways. The absentee ballot applications can be found on the town's website, returned via email to lowell@warren-ma.gov, dropped off in the new drop box at the Shepard Municipal Building on High Street or tri-folded and mailed to P.O. Box 603, Warren, MA, 01083-0603.

The application can also be picked up at the Warren Package Store, the Village Market and

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With jury trials off, anyone with jury service should considered it cancelled through July 1.

Because of social distancing, bench trials are also postponed. Many of the rules regarding a person's right to a "speedy" trial

have been temporarily suspended. Additionally, the statute of limitations on many different types of crimes is also temporarily suspended.

The SJC is keeping a running justice system, utilizing many other methods that others are using to communicate such as telephone

teleconferencing, videoconferencing, email and other means.

With clerks' offices still open, individuals needing assistance can contact their respective clerk's office. Clerk's offices remain open in all courts, and they are staffed for people to call and ask questions.

In terms of criminal activity,

the courts are still processing and arraigning suspects. Arraignments have also occurred remotely and through alternate means. In most cases, arraignments occur with an individual in jail, while their attorney, a prosecutor, and judge conduct an arraignment by teleconference.

One thing that will need to be figured out when courts are able to resume their regular activity, is how to cure the backlog of criminal cases that will keep building up before July 1.

Examples of emergencies where an individual can access the courts include: Restraining orders, or sit-

uations where an individual poses a threat of danger to themselves or others. Most civil matters, however, will have to wait.


While the governor has introduced a gradual re-opening plan, the court has its own jurisdiction to decide how it will re-open its regular operations.;

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EDITORIAL

A day to remember in a different way

Monday, May 25, is Memorial Day, but not the Memorial Day we anticipate as in years past as the safety precautions we've lived under for the past two months will prohibit many of the annual Memorial Day ceremonies and traditions communities cherish.

Unique among our state and federal holidays, Memorial Day isn't a time of celebration. It's a solemn acknowledgment of the debt we owe to those who died defending our freedom. That debt is not a personal matter; it's an obligation shared by all Americans, and by every community of Americans. We can't fulfill our duty to our war dead simply by remembering them or saying a prayer for them individually as we go about our business on Monday. What they did for our society must be acknowledged by society — usually, by communities gathered in groups, recognizing the sacrifice of war not only to the Almighty and our own consciences, but also to each other. However, those group gatherings cannot be this year.

Many would share Memorial Day with their neighbors — participating in the decoration of graves at the town cemetery; the laying of wreaths at the War Memorial; the reading of speeches and "In Flanders Fields," yes, even the colorful parades. Not only do these annual ceremonies remind us of what the day is about, but they also connect us to the community that our fallen heroes died to defend. However, we cannot gather with our neighbors this year.

The importance of these commemorations is that we strengthen the bonds of gratitude, fraternity and patriotism that undergird the society our military fights to protect. When we see our neighbors marching and saluting side-by-side with us, we deepen our commitment to these shared principles of American civics. Perhaps most importantly, when our children participate in Memorial Day events — and when they see so many others, young and old, participating — we teach the next generation that our society honors and remembers those who defend us, and those who made the ultimate sacrifice defending us. These are values we need not miss out on this year despite being unable to attend the annual ceremony, and the routine we're all accustomed to.

Finally, this is a chance to bring Memorial Day out of the ceremonies to the community at large. Hang a flag, make a poster, decorate an ornament, anything that has red, white, and blue, and hang it from a door, or porch, or window. Since we can't go to Memorial Day, let's bring it home.

As Abraham Lincoln said at Gettysburg, "to be dedicated" to "the cause for which they here gave their last full measure of devotion ... government of the people, by the people, for the people."

Be there for those who died. Be there for America. Be there for each other, at a social distance.

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Anyone for broccoli this year?

Lots of people shy away from growing broccoli in the garden, but it really is quite easy to produce stalks that rival those you'd buy at the grocery store. I got to the task of getting my transplants in the ground this weekend. Hopefully by early July I will be freezing lots of this yummy vegetable. Read on to learn the ropes of broccoli culture.

Planning for the broccoli harvest began back in the winter when I ordered my seeds. I prefer to grow three or more varieties, each with a different maturity date, that way I don't have a bumper crop all at once. With big heads staggered over the course of a few weeks, freezing won't become overwhelming. I also like to extend the harvest, so I am sure to include varieties that produce good side shoots.

I sowed my seeds off in early April, and transplanted the seedlings into recycled six-packs by months' end. Over the last three weeks I have nursed them along inside on sunny window sills and outdoors when weather permitted. They are at the four-inch leaf stage right now, the perfect size to transplant into the garden. If you are purchasing your plants from the garden center, try to select seedlings that size. Sometimes when they are bigger, and root bound, they become stunted and never develop decent heads. If you chose them from inside a greenhouse, spend a few days hardening them off prior to planting by gradually exposing them to outdoors. If possible, choose a cloudy, drizzly day for installing in the garden. Amend the soil with a shovel



Roberta McQuaid

full of aged compost or manure for each plant along with a sprinkling of lime and granular organic fertilizer. I like planting broccoli a foot apart in staggered "wide rows;" it saves space in the garden because fewer foot paths are needed.

Since cutworms find broccoli seedlings especially appealing, circle the plant's stem at planting time with a barrier of thick paper or cardboard sunk into the soil an inch or two. The waxy containers that soy milk or orange juice come in work great, and are easily cut to the right size with a pair of scissors. Don't put this job off; sometimes cutworms can find transplants the very first night!

As the season progresses be on the lookout for the green cabbage worm; you will see the white moths first. A friend of mine had great luck capturing them with a butterfly net! I usually just remove the few worms I find and as long as I am diligent this pest doesn't pose a huge problem.

In what seems like no time at all, heads will start to form. When they are the size of a quarter scratch in some more granular fertilizer at the base of the plant. Make sure moisture is sufficient. Harvest when the main head is still tightly packed but before it bursts into flower. Some heads may grow eight inches or more, but others don't have the same potential. Freeze in small portions after blanching with steam or boiling water for three minutes, chilling in an ice bath and air drying.

The cross-striped cabbageworm poses a worse problem in my garden than any other

caterpillar, and usually appears mid-harvest. It is three-quarter of an inch in length and has black and yellow stripes that run along each side of its body. Foliage can be riddled with holes and buds can be eaten as well. When mature, the larvae drop from the plant to the soil and pupate in a tight cocoon enmeshed in sand. The adult moth is yellowish brown, with a wingspan of about an inch. Its forewings are marked with brown zigzags while its paler hind wings have five or six spots on them. Eggs are laid in masses on the foliage; when the weather is warm they hatch in less than a week. The cross-striped cabbageworm as well as other caterpillars that attack broccoli and its relatives can be effectively controlled using one of the *Bacillus thuringiensis* (B.t.) products. B.t. is a microbial insecticide that produces protein crystals toxic to some insects but is safe for all mammals, birds and fish. The directions on the package can help time your application for when it will be most effective. This year I planted all of my cruciferous vegetables under a floating row cover, light spun polyester draped over wire hoops. We'll see how it works. In years past I've used this fabric for pest control early on, but never tried it for the whole season.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Task Force commends police chief

The Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force read with interest the recent Ware River News article about the arrest of Warren Police Officer Shawn Morin for allegedly handcuffing his girlfriend, taking her phone, bruising her arm, and forcing her into the back seat of his cruiser while he was on duty.

We were heartened to see that state guidelines for when a police officer is accused of domestic violence were followed, and that Warren Police Chief Gerald Millette went to the scene to ask that Morin's police identification, license to carry firearms and duty gun be confiscated. Research shows that when there is domestic violence in the home, guns dramatically increase the risk of fatalities.

Morin is now on administrative leave, and we don't know what will ultimately happen in court. Still, how the unfolding situation is handled by the Warren Police Department will speak volumes. What will happen if Morin is found guilty, not guilty or if charges are dropped? What damage to the public trust has his unacceptable on-duty behavior done, regardless of the legal outcome?

The answers to these questions are critical. Victims and survivors must feel confident in their police department. Calling the police because you are scared of someone you love or may have once loved is overwhelming in the best of circumstances. By making that call, you may be giving up a cherished dream you had of a happy life with someone you loved. You may be risking poverty, isolation, parenting rights, and retribution for telling your story publicly. You are asking for help from someone you don't know, who may or may not understand, who may or may not blame you



for what is happening, especially if you are not the perfect victim.

We know that if someone's first call for help goes well, they are likely to ask for help again. If they feel disrespected, disregarded or blamed, they may decide they have to handle the situation on their own. Yet we know most people who get out of abusive relationships successfully do it with help from professionals or loved ones, not all by themselves.

We applaud Chief Millette's handling of this difficult situation thus far. The Warren Police Department collaborates with local domestic violence advocates out of Behavioral Health Network who follow-up on

domestic violence police calls, which speaks highly of their ongoing commitment to serve.

We remain hopeful. In the meantime, if you or someone you know needs help you can reach a BHN advocate directly at 413-262-7103 or 413-967-6241, ext. 58535.

And if you are at risk of being violent and want help changing your behavior you can get help from Proteus at 413-967-6241, ext. 58531.

Paul Regan, JAC Patrissi, Rebekah DeCourcey, Monica Moran, Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force

About the "Earnings Test" and "Registering"

By Russell Gloor
Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: Does tax filing status matter when calculating how much you can earn without a reduction in your monthly Social Security payout? My wife and I have filed a joint income tax return for years. My wife is working and I'm 62 and wondering if I start drawing Social Security, does the earnings limit only relate to what I earn, or does it include what my wife earns as well? Is the earnings limit tied to our IRS filing status? I need to know if I should file my taxes as a single to be sure my wife's earnings are not combined with mine to affect my Social Security payment. Also, I've read that it's recommended to register online with Social Security if you're 62. As I understand it, this should be done even if one's not intending to start benefits yet. Is this true? What are the benefits for doing this? Does it make for a quicker start of payments once the election to start benefits is made? Would it help my wife should I die prior to starting my benefits? *Signed: Wondering*

Dear Wondering: Income tax filing status doesn't matter when it comes to determining if your earnings from work exceed Social Security "earnings limit." If you collect Social Security before you reach your full retirement age (FRA), your wife's earnings from work-

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ing will not be counted toward your personal Social Security earnings limit. The earnings test looks only at your personal earnings and, if you exceed the limit, Social Security will take back some of your benefits. But only your personal earnings — as reported on your W-2 or Self-Employment tax return — count. If you're not working, then your Social Security benefits will not be affected by the earnings test, even if you file a joint return which has an Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) which is more than the annual earnings limit because your wife works.

As for your second question: it is not necessary, nor would it gain you any advantage, to "register" with Social Security before you are ready to claim your benefits. Indeed, Social Security does not even provide you with a way to do that. What they do provide is a way for you to create your own personal "My Social Security" online account, which gives you access to all of the online features provided by the Social Security Administration, including allowing you to apply for your benefits online (the fastest way to claim) whenever you're ready to do that.

Having an online Social Security account doesn't provide you with any benefit advantage, but it allows you to monitor your lifetime earnings record, get a replacement Social Security card if needed and get estimates of

your current and future Social Security benefits to help you decide when to claim. You can create your personal "My Social Security" account by going to www.ssa.gov/myaccount. They use a "two-factor" security process, which means you'll not only need to set up a password but also a second way to confirm your identity (usually via a code sent to a text-enabled cell phone or your email account). But, even if you have this online account pre-established, your wife will still need to contact Social Security directly to claim her survivor benefit if you predeceased her. Survivor benefits must be applied for by the surviving spouse directly contacting Social Security.

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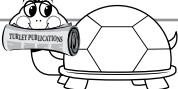
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All Saints Parish and St. Mary’s Parish reopening

Schedule, procedures announced

WARE – The COVID-19 reopening procedures beginning this coming weekend include public Masses in Ware at the parish cemeteries:

Saturday, May 23, 4 p.m. at Mt.Carmel Cemetery

Sunday, May 24, 8 a.m. at St. William New Cemetery

Sunday, May 24, 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Cemetery

Reopening Church Buildings effective on Saturday, May 30, Pentecost Sunday, starting with a 4 p.m. Mass at All Saints Church.

General Information:

The Church holding the service will open 30 minutes before each Mass and close right after the service.

Rosary: Monday through Thursday before Mass , CD playing, not by people.

Ushers will be at the door/s controlling traffic

All will be asked to keep social distance six feet

Wearing masks when entering and moving within the church

Church will be cleaned and sanitized after each service

Daily Masses: Only one entrance open, seats will be open only in the front section of the church.

Restrooms to be used only in the case of emergency.

Collection boxes will be located at two stations at each church

Omission of the sign of peace

No communion by the cup

Communion in the hand only

Holy water fonts to remain empty and covered

To serve the needs of all in the best way the following is the new Mass schedule for June through September.

Monday: All Saints 8 a.m. Mass followed by Adoration until 9 a.m.

Tuesday: All Saints 8 a.m. Mass followed by Adoration until 9 a.m. and Prayer to St. Jude

Wednesday: St. Mary’s 8 a.m. Mass followed by Adoration until 9 a.m. and Miracle Medal Novena

Thursday: St. Mary’s 8 a.m. Mass followed by Adoration till 9 a.m.

Friday and Saturday mornings there will be no services due to potential weddings, funerals and deep cleaning of each church.

On Saturday, there will be a 4 p.m. Mass at All Saints and a 5:15 p.m. Mass at St. Mary’s.

On Sunday, there will be an 8 a.m. Mass at All Saints, a 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary’s, a 12:10 p.m. Mass at St. Mary’s and a 5:15 p.m. Mass at All Saints.

For Confession, At All Saints, the door to the Chapel entrance will be open, and it will be offered on Saturday from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. on Monday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

People are asked to please stay in their car till they see the person before them is finished. The door will be open so that the next person can see when this happens.

Tri-Parish Community Church news

A note from the treasurer

HARDWICK/NEW BRAintree – Although the Tri-Parish Community Church has cancelled church services until further notice, our church community is resilient and is meeting the challenges of the COVID-19 crisis in many ways. Consider Rev. Ellis Pelham’s sharing of his Palm and Easter Sunday sermons, and the gatherings in the center of New Braintree on Palm and Easter Sundays to listen to Christopher Baum’s wonderful bagpipe concerts.

The Palm Sunday video produced by Nancy Lee to document and share the experience with those who could not attend was equally inspiring. Linda Maznick is recognized for her efforts to continue our Easter flower tradition and the church’s support of the Worcester State Hospital Greenhouse canteen fund. Church members are staying in touch by phone, e-mail and Facebook, and visits to the elderly happen through the glass of unopened doors; food and gifts of flowers, puzzles, and facemasks are left on doorsteps. These are all wonderful signs that the church body is alive and well. Funds continue to flow in and out of the church accounts, but at a lower rate than when it was fully functioning. The good news is that the church is able to meet its financial obligations. Most heartening are the donations that it has received for both the Food Pantry and Deacon’s Fund. These two missions along with the Mustard Seed are where the Church can do much to aid the community during this health

and financial crisis. Thank you to all for the support of the church community during these difficult times.

Jennifer Pollard, Treasurer

Pledges and offerings: Continuing to support the church with pledges and offerings is still vital whether or not the congregation can meet for services. They can be mailed to the church at P.O. Box 202, New Braintree, MA 01531, where the treasurer will collect them or donations can be made through the website: triparishcommunitychurch.com. Thank you for your continued support.

Activities

Bible Study with Shawna Andrews is on hold until further notice.

Hardwick Memorial Handbell Choir will go on hiatus until the fall.

Hardwick Food Pantry

The Hardwick Food Pantry gets at least 90 percent of its food from the federal and state supported Worcester Country Food Bank in Shrewsbury. This is a huge warehouse that houses shelf stable foods like canned goods, pasta, cartons of milk (highly homogenized milk), and sometimes fresh produce, butter, eggs and frozen meat. This food comes to pantries all over the US from the USDA and other agencies. The food is picked up by church members in a big carload in a big car once a month: about 2,500 pounds of food. All of the food from the Food Bank is free. The pantry

keep a deposit of \$350 at the Food Bank simply to establish itself as a pantry. It used to be that some of the food at the food bank needed to be purchased with church funds, but that hasn’t been true for years.

The second largest supplier of food to the pantry is Hannaford Supermarket, which helps pantries throughout Massachusetts by supplying frozen meat to the pantry on a weekly basis. Members go and pick up three to five crates of meat every week and it is tremendously important to the pantry’s clients. It’s a wonderful service and completely unlike any other supermarket. All of this meat is free.

The third largest suppliers to the pantry are the wonderful local people, mostly from the Tri-Parish Community Church, St. Augustine Mission in Wheelwright and St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Gilbertville, and sometimes from schools that have food drives, especially St. Aloysius, and sometimes Quabbin Regional. Brooklyn Stolgitis had a very successful food drive at local stores in the fall. Every time members go to the pantry there are plastic bags on the chairs holding kind donations. The Nichols from Tri-Parish use coupons to bring us a lot of food and other goods, and Michelle Atwood from New Braintree does the same.

Also, the pantry receives wonderful and sizable gifts of food from local businesses and farmers and gardeners who have large supplies of squash in the fall. The businesses are the Robinson Farm, which donates a lot of cheese,

and Rose 32 that often supplies us with eggs, bread and pastries. As they closed for the virus, the Mitchells donated 60 dozen eggs, the Exchange gave us 60 cartons and Kelly Allen boxed them all.

At Thanksgiving, we receive 20 large turkeys from the Worcester County Food Bank. Sometimes they also send cranberry sauce and stuffing. But many of the diets are single people and some have little refrigeration. This year we bought smaller chickens and some stuffing from Walmart. Next year the pantry hopes to buy more cranberry sauce and stuffing than it did this year.

The Summer Farmer’s Market Program is the pantry’s most innovative program and the most costly. Quite a few years ago now, worrying about the diets of clients, it started to hand out monthly coupons to each household it serves. Each household receives a coupon for \$20 a month to be spent on produce and dairy products. One of the wonderful things about this program is that it is a win-win for farmers and clients alike.

This rising popularity means that it is by far the main expense of the pantry. Clients used about \$3,500 worth of coupons last summer. The pantry is very, very grateful to the Tri-Parish for helping us raise these funds and for holding the donations and distributing the funds to the vendors. It is especially grateful to the Stillman family for overseeing this program and being the steady suppliers to the clients.

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Health update

Selectmen heard updates Tuesday during their meeting from Health Department Director Judy Metcalf and School Superintendent Dr. Marlene DiLeo.

Metcalf reported as of last Friday, the town had 23 cases of confirmed COVID-19, with two more cases coming in afterward, for a total of 25. She also said there 32 contact cases in town and three deaths from COVID-19. All three deaths were among older residents, she said.

Selectmen asked her about the demographics of those who have contracted the disease, and she said first it was people who had traveled to Europe and China, then hospital workers who weren’t necessarily health providers and then moved to workers such as bank tellers, truck drivers and drive-through food workers.

Metcalf also said the town has a public education campaign underway, starting with signs at the parks and cemeteries about being safe, wearing a mask and maintaining appropriate social distancing.

When asked she said when walking outside with no one nearby, people could refrain from wearing a mask, but should always have one with them to put should they see others approaching.

She admitted the state’s re-opening plan for Phase I, which started with the resumption of construction work this week, and more businesses, such as hair salons, which open on Monday, is a dense document. She suggested that it might be a good idea to put much of the guidance on the town’s website broken down by type of business, so business people could quickly access the information they need.

Selectman Keith Kruckas asked why the Aspen Rod and Gun Club

was not allowed to hold its fish dinners, even though they would have provided them as take-out meals. Metcalf said it was because they are a private nonprofit club, and as such were not among the places that could open up according to the state.

He also said he was disappointed in the lack communication between the Health Department and the selectmen, but Metcalf said she has talked every day with Town Manager Stuart Beckley either by phone or by email.

Metcalf said if there were difficulties in communication with selectmen, it was not due to a lack of communication on her part.

She was asked to come back regularly to selectmen’s meetings to provide additional updates, and she said she would be happy to do so.

Schools update

DiLeo told selectmen that is a lot of uncertainty as to how the rest of the year and the next school year will play out. Right now, graduation has been moved to July 11, at 10 a.m., and Ware Junior Senior High School Principal Eugene Rich is talking with the Parks Department about possibly holding it at Grenville Park. Exactly how graduation will work is still in the planning stages, she said.

The junior/senior prom has been moved to Aug. 17, but it’s unclear what the guidance around gatherings will be at that point, and there is always the possibility it might have to be moved again, she said.

“There are many, many uncertainties without a lot of answers,” DiLeo said, regarding the final outcome of what school will look like going forward. It is unknown if the state will decide that there must be staggered sessions, how many children will be allowed in a class and what sort of changes, such as room dividers or Plexiglas shields, will be needed.

She said some bus transpor-

tation money will be returned to the town as School Department, in conjunction with the Granby and Belchertown schools, have negotiated a reduced rate from mid-March on. The state CARES act, which provided help with COVID-costs, recommends paying vendors and the state Department of Secondary and Elementary Education has also urged school departments to do so as well. Ware will be paying 42 percent of the daily cost of busing from mid-March to mid-June, she said, in an effort to help the bus companies yet save the town some money. The state negotiated a rate of 75 percent, but some school districts, such as Ware, have chosen to negotiate on their own.

“They’ve asked us to make everyone whole during a hardship and it is hoped they would reciprocate in the fall,” she said, if additional bus runs or different routes are needed.

DiLeo said she was also concerned because it has been estimated that 30 percent less learning has been going on for students without having a teacher teaching in person, and it’s not clear how that potential drop in learning will play out in the fall. She also said there will be increased costs to disinfecting the schools on a daily basis.

She said there could be other issues over which there is little control over such as an outbreak among teachers in the fall. “That could unravel in a heart beat, in a New York second,” she said.

Although students have been issued Chromebooks if their families don’t have a device, some students do not have access to the internet, which the School Department is trying to find ways to rectify. The computers were in the classrooms when school was in session and they will be returned to the schools at the end of this school year.

The schools will also be offering

parents and children counseling on weekdays in cases of emotional and mental health concerns.

Selectmen Chairman Alan Whitney said money is going to be tight this year due to reduced revenues for the town and the state due to the economic disruption of COVID-19.

Complete streets

Selectmen decided to take the Complete Streets prioritization plan, prepared by Planning and Community Development Director Rebekah DeCoursey, under advisement until their next meeting.

Whitney said he did not agree with the priorities formed in the plan, such as sidewalks for Gould Road being listed as the ninth project in priorities and the East Street underpass area not being listed higher.

Whitney said a new road and sidewalks to the Reed Municipal Pool should not come before safety for school children. Selectman Tracy Opalinski said she had recently seen a woman with a baby carriage walking through the East Street underpass, competing with tractor trailer trucks.

Once a prioritization plan is submitted to the state, the town could get as much as \$400,000 to spend on town projects.

Kruckas said he would rather see the town save up money to attack bigger projects than tackle smaller projects.

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the first few months of the fiscal year as it is unclear how much towns will receive from the state this year. With so little information available about the state budget, they decided it would be better to create such a budget this year.

Selectmen Chairman Kenan Young said the state was already dipping into its rainy day fund, so it was very likely there would be a reduction in state aid, which could be anywhere between 10 to 35 percent of what the town has historically been given.

Selectmen will be deciding what essential services are and will be involving all department heads in the process. “We have to go through and decide what is essential to operate this town,” he said.

“I don’t think we have any other choice,” said selectman Julie Quink.

Young said the budget would have to be gone through line by line by selectmen and he suggested they start meeting several times a week, beginning next Tuesday night.

Special Town Meeting

Selectmen approved the warrant for the Special Town Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 2, at 6 p.m., at the Hardwick

Elementary School. The articles will include paying items from previous years but the main article is to approve borrowing and spending to fix the town’s failing sewer system, including redoing the town’s two wastewater treatment plants and the sewer line from Eagle Hill School to Gilbertville.

Chapter 90

About \$190,000 or past Chapter 90 projects should be coming back to town after the Highway Department secretary puts in all the necessary paperwork for them, Cofske said.

Memorial Day

A series of Memorial Day ceremonies at different points in town including war monuments and cemeteries will be carried out on Memorial Day, which will be available online in some way afterward.

The intent is not for people to attend those ceremonies but for them to enjoy a filming of them online, Quink said.

If people do come to them, they will be required to wear a mask and keep social distancing recommendations of six feet apart from others. It will start at the American Legion in Gilbertville at 9:30 a.m., she said, and continue on to other sites in town.

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Frank Bateman chosen as parade marshal

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE – Sgt. Major Francis S. Bateman Jr. retired this past April after serving in the Army National Guard for 39 years, and due to his military service and his service to the town, he was chosen as this year's parade marshal.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions neither the parade nor the ceremonies will be held on Monday, but it's always important to note those who serve nation and community.

In a letter to him written last month from Brigadier General John J. Driscoll, he was congratulated on his pending retirement.

"Your 39 years of service consistently reflected fortitude and courage in all you did," Driscoll wrote. "Never have I met a logistician that embodies passion both for the soldier and logistics equally, and always went above and beyond to ensure success. Your service epitomized my two standing orders for all leaders: leave it better than you found it and set up the next person for success."

Other soldiers remarked upon his devotion to the soldiers, while leading with a sense of humor in remarks gathered for his retirement party, which had to be canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Bateman grew up in Ware, and graduated from Ware Junior Senior High School in 1980. He enlisted in the Army on March 17, 1981 and went through basic training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He was assigned to the 1st Squadron,



Turley Publications courtesy photo
Frank Bateman, who recently retired from the Army National Guard after 39 years. Bateman was chosen as this year's parade marshal for the Ware Memorial Day parade, which was canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions.

2nd Armored Calvary Regiment in Germany, and eventually the Headquarters and Headquarters Battery 1st Battalion 77th Field Artillery, 3rd Brigade, 1st CAV Division. He entered the USAR Control Group on March 25, 1985.

On July 23, 1986, he enlisted in the Massachusetts Army National Guard, assigned to Company C 1-181 IN and was infantryman

until he transferred to Company B, 2-104th IN, where he became a unit supply sergeant.

In February 2011, he was deployed to Afghanistan with the 26th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, where his section supported eight U.S. And Coalition bases in the Kabul Base Cluster. Upon return to the U.S., he helped create the Homeland Defense Force

within the Massachusetts National Guard.

His military awards include the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal (with Silver Oak Leaf) and at least 13 other awards and ribbons. He was also awarded the Global War on Terrorism Medal and the Afghanistan Campaign Medal.

Memorial Day remembers the sacrifices of war

By Beverly Prestwood-Taylor

On the first official Memorial Day in 1868, President James Garfield spoke at Arlington National Cemetery to honor the 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried there. He said,

"We do not know one promise these men made, one pledge they gave, one word they spoke; but we do know they summed up and perfected, by one supreme act, the highest virtues of men and citizens. For love of country they accepted death, and thus resolved all doubts, and made immortal their patriotism and their virtue."-James A. Garfield May 30, 1868, Arlington National Cemetery.

We have continued faithfully carrying out the tradition of marking Memorial Day, begun over 150 years ago. We have honored the fallen by naming their names, by decorating their graves, by joining together in parades and ceremonies. Our memories of gathering for Memorial Day remembrances are layered one upon the other, giving greater meaning to each annual tribute.

We will remember the 2020 Memorial Day for many years to come. We can't march in a parade this year or gather to hear a community reading of the names of the fallen from Ware. However, we can still honor their memory, their sacrifice and their virtue. It is more important this year than it ever was to remember the sacrifice of the fallen.

They sacrificed all on behalf of this country. These young men were so young. Most of the fallen who died in combat or from the hidden wounds of war were in their early 20s. They gave away their whole future, and all it might have been--- in order to serve. Their families sacrificed the presence of their loved one, the possibility of children and grandchildren. We, as a society, lost all the good they might have brought to our community for the rest of their lives.

That is an enormous sacrifice. Most of us don't fully know the

depth of the meaning of the word "sacrifice." Sacrifice is "the act of giving up or surrendering something valuable to help another person" or to serve one's country and community, I would add. In their memory, reflect on their sacrifices and the sacrifices of their families. Consider what the word "sacrifice" might have meant to them. Ponder the virtue of sacrifice, and what it means to you. What kinds of sacrifices are we called to make on behalf of our families, our community and our country? What kinds of hardships would we be willing to undertake for the betterment of all? How much are we willing to give or give up, so that we all survive and thrive together? Reflect on this as you remember those who gave everything.

We remember, we name and we pay tribute to the ones who died in combat; to those who died later from the visible wounds and the hidden wounds of war; to those who served in the armed forces and have now passed on. By remembering, we bring comfort to families who mourn, so that they are not mourning their loss alone, but know that the whole community stands with them in sorrow and grief. By remembering, we assure that they are not forgotten and their sacrifice is not forgotten, so we truly count the cost of the loss. It is imperative to remember every year, so we are reminded to carefully guard the lives and service of the noble men and women who have enlisted to aid their country.

Though we cannot gather together, take a moment of silence at 3 p.m. on Memorial Day to remember. Set an empty place at your table, light a candle and acknowledge the ones who paid the ultimate price.

May we continue the virtue of sacrifice that we might be strong for each other.

Beverly Prestwood-Taylor, director of the Brookfield Institutes, which helps veterans and their families, was to be the keynote speaker at Ware's Memorial Day ceremonies.



Ware Eagle Scout Liam Flynn starts installing the field of flags on the lawn of the Ware Center Meeting House and Museum in preparation for Ware Remembers. This year the ceremony was not public but can be viewed on Ware Community Television.

INSET: Volunteers put the Ware Remembers field of flags up before the ceremony was filmed.

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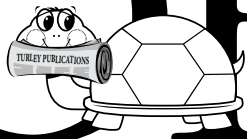


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Hall to present 'Women's Challenge' games

UNCASVILLE, Conn. – The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame announced today the matchups for the Hall of Fame Women's Challenge on Saturday, November 28th and Sunday, November 29th at Mohegan Sun Arena in Uncasville, Conn.

Local favorite and 11-time National Champions UConn (which joins the Big East Conference on July 1) will take on Quinnipiac (Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference) in the opening round, and Maine (America East Conference) will faceoff with Mississippi State (Southeastern Conference). The championship and consolation game will follow on Sunday.

"The Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to celebrate the women's game with our Women's Challenge at Mohegan Sun, a longtime partner of the Hall and a beautiful property for fans to enjoy," said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. "UConn fans have created an outstanding environment for the many matchups played here over the years and we are excited to host our three additional participating schools in a first-class event."

The Women's Challenge is one event in the Hall of Fame's series of collegiate events, which continues to grow in an effort to celebrate the game outside the museum walls. Tickets will be available for purchase via the Mohegan Sun box Office and Ticketmaster in September 2020. Specially discounted two-day ticket packages will start at \$25 and offer a savings of 30 percent or more (off the single day rates). Game times and television details will be released at a later date. As the health and safety of the athletes, fans and staff is of the utmost importance, the Basketball Hall of Fame will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation closely in the coming months and provide updates as needed.

Submit senior athletes

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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The Turley Publications sports department is looking to honor the senior athletes who have had their spring seasons cancelled by the coronavirus pandemic.

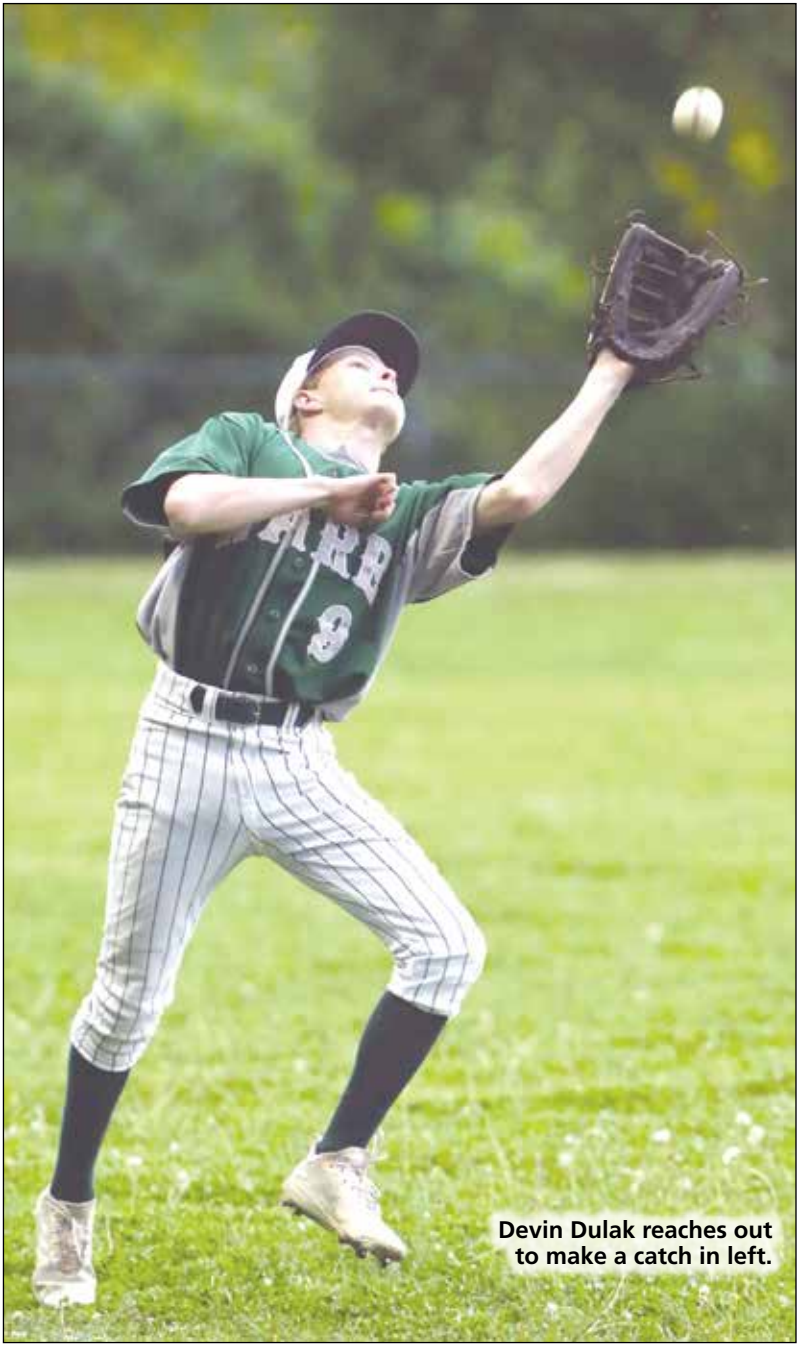
The senior features have already started rolling out, but if you have not seen your senior featured, we encouraged you to send photos and info on your son or daughter, and encourage you to contact their coach to speak with us.

We have reached out to spring coaches and athletic directors, but are still trying to collect info on every team that would have been involved in this spring's season.

We hope to also publish action photos of seniors from previous seasons, though parents and coaches are encouraged to send photos of seniors they would like to see published in the upcoming editions of the paper.

All submissions can be made to Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at sports@turley.com. In the subject line, please identify the school and sport you are writing in about. Senior athletes are also encouraged to write in to talk about the season that wasn't.

Indians sought a finals appearance for 2020



Devin Dulak reaches out to make a catch in left.

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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WARE – The Ware High School baseball team has been a frequent visitor to the Western Massachusetts Division 4 tournament.

Coach Scott Slattery felt the 2020 season was going to be no different.

The Indians were set to take the field with four seniors, Devin Dulak, James Berthiaume, Devon Fuller, and Nick Morrin.

Morrin was going to man left field this season, said Slattery.

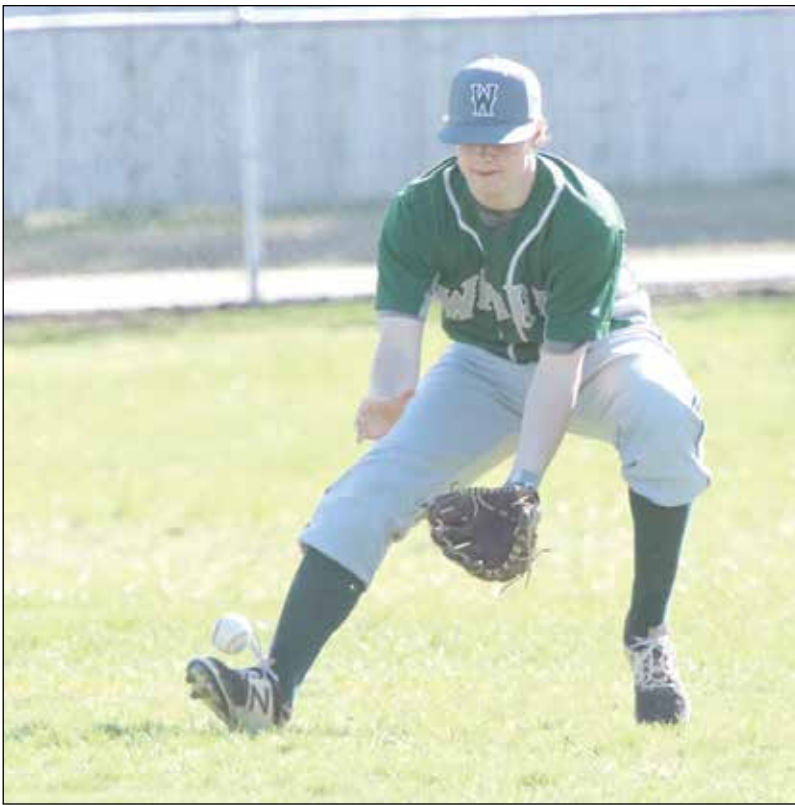
"He was expected to be one of our top hitters," said Slattery. "He is an emotional player that truly loves the game. He has been on varsity for three years and has proven to be a top-notch player."

Dulak was set to man the other corner in right field. He was quietly a part of the varsity team for the past three years.

"This was his year to shine," said Slattery. "I truly believe he was going to be an all-star this year and have a very successful year. I love this kid as a player and will really miss him. His passion for the game is second to none."

Berthiaume had a big season last year. He would have spent considerable time on the mound and was ready to take over at shortstop after playing third base last year.

"He is our best hitter and one of our top pitchers," said Slattery. "He is an amazing infielder who was going to be moved to shortstop this year. He is our best base runner and has been a varsity starter for three years. One of our best guys. He



File photos

Centerfielder Devon Fuller fields a base hit in the shallow outfield.

is an amazing person and leader to his teammates and we love to be around him because he is so much fun. He will be missed very much and we are thankful for what he has done for our program."

Fuller has played center field for three years.

"The best outfielder in the league," said Slattery. "He has been our center fielder for three years and he is one of the best I've ever coached. He is a quiet leader always leading by example. He plays with all heart and has become

a top player in our league. He has worked very hard at becoming a great hitter and he was without a doubt going to have a big year."

Slattery expected to have a great season and contend for a league title.

"In Division 4, I truly believed we were the team to beat," said Slattery. "We would have solid pitching with sound defense. Our offense might of been a question mark but with our senior leaders

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Guidelines updated for safe golfing

REGION – Golf is a healthy outdoor activity that is viable and relatively low risk. It is also an outlet for people to exercise and seek some physical and mental respite from the state's stay-at-home advisory, all while supporting economic activity and employment in the local golf industry. With vast areas of open space with fresh-cut grass, trees, streams and ponds, a golf course provides the unique ability for social distancing in a stress-free environment.

That said, there are guidelines that will be in place to protect the safety of our golf community, including players, golf course staff, and club and course officials. These changes cover everything from booking a tee time to departing the golf course, and all things between. The ultimate goal is to keep everyone safe while they're playing and to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

As golf season resumes, it is the responsibility of members and employees at all Massachusetts golf courses and facilities to strictly adhere to these guidelines that the state's Re-Opening Advisory Board has issued to ensure that golf remains an appropriate recreational activity. Additional measures may be put into place as we adapt to the "new normal" for the foreseeable future. "We're excited that this first step has been made to re-open golf," said Jesse Menachem, Mass Golf's Executive Director/CEO. "Our work isn't done yet. We will continue to work with the Governor's Administration to further clarify the orders and keep our members informed as the situation continues to evolve. We will base our decisions surrounding Mass Golf events on the safety and well-being of all of us."

As a reminder, we are in score posting season and the USGA has addressed questions regarding Rules and Handicapping during the COVID-19 era. Please click here for more information.

We understand that this year has been and will continue to be different than others. We'll miss

the celebratory high-fives and socializing in the clubhouse after your round concludes, but we will get back to that eventually. For now, let's enjoy the game with honor and begin to show once again that Massachusetts has the most enthusiastic golf community in the country.

In order to ensure that upon reopening that all courses will operate in a safe and effective manner, we have provided the following guidance:

Updated guidelines for golf course:

Security personnel can be delineated by each club (ex. A pro and the head starter) and will be present to enforce social distancing. There can be no other employees working at the recreational component of the golf operation.

All staff must wear face coverings while on property.

Course facilities including but not limited to the clubhouse, golf shop, restaurant, bag room and locker room must remain closed.

No caddies allowed. No golf carts allowed, except as outlined below:

The use of a motorized cart may be permitted for any individual with a disability who is seeking a reasonable accommodation to ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). A golfer who wants to use a cart should provide documentation or otherwise certify in writing to the golf course that he or she has a disability that requires the use of the cart.

Any carts used must be cleaned and sanitized after each use. The course operator may not use non-essential employees to handle the renting and/or cleaning of the carts. Only security and groundskeeping personnel are permitted on the premises.

Push carts may be used. Players must either carry their own bag or use a push cart.

All golfers must maintain proper social distancing of at least 6 feet at all times.

Groups of players are restricted

to no more than 4 players at one time.

Members-only clubs can allow guests as determined by the security personnel on the golf course.

Private clubs that allow non-members to make reservations can do so at their discretion.

Maintenance personnel are permitted to work on the golf course.

Tee Time Policy must be 15 minutes between groups.

Golfers must stay in their car until 15 minutes before their tee time and must return to their car immediately following play.

Online and remote payment options must be utilized.

All golfers must use their own golf clubs. Sharing golf clubs or rental golf clubs is not allowed.

Flagsticks must remain in the hole. Hole liners must be raised so picking a ball out of the hole doesn't occur.

Bunker rakes must be removed, and ball washers must be removed or covered.

Practice putting green, driving range, and chipping areas must be closed.

Facilities must have readily accessible hand sanitizer.

The Alliance of Massachusetts Golf Organizations (AMGO) would like to thank the Re-Opening Advisory Board for their hard work and diligence during this process to resume play in Massachusetts. AMGO is continuing to work with the Governor's Administration to identify and develop additional solutions to emerging issues in the golf industry and to keep them informed on the needs of our community. We understand that many golfers require cart usage for medical reasons or disabilities, which was originally part of our request to the Re-Opening Advisory Board on May 2. We have and will continue to request such adjustments to the guidelines as appropriate to keep everyone safe and to ensure the whole community is able to enjoy the necessary physical and mental exercise that we all need during this time."



Quabbin's Georgia Shampine in the triple jump at last year's Central-West Meet.

Panthers were set for big season on the track

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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BARRE – The Quabbin Regional High School girls track team was one of a few teams with a large number of seniors set to make their mark this spring.

Coach Melissa Leslie believed the group was special, both talented and great students and teammates.

She recognized the following seniors:

Emily Hood – "A hard worker who leads quietly by example, had a big improvement in her mile time last spring and had a great indoor season this year."

Emmeline Riendeau – "All-around athlete willing to try any event at least once, mature athlete who is a big help keeping the team moving and organized during practice. Central/Western MA D2 qualifier in high jump, also strong indoor competitor."

Meg Ennis – "She was a big mile runner last season. She loves javelin, and was a District meet competitor in that event, great motivator of her teammates."

Morgan Fleischer – "She was a disciplined athlete, hurdler, and a District meet competitor in javelin."

Samantha Prentiss – "A talented sprinter and pole vaulter. She was the district champion in the pole vault, an at-large League

All-Star, D2 competitor in pole vault, and in the 100 meter and 4 by 100 meter. Her assion is pole vault, worked with a pole vault club throughout indoor season in preparation for the spring season, would have definitely broken the 21-year old outdoor school record in the event given the chance as she cleared the record height at an indoor exhibition meet."

Georgia Shampine – "She was big in the hurdles, and jumps. "She was a strong competitor in her events, had a great 2018 season, struggled with some injuries last season, was hoping to come back strong for 2020."

Helena Shampine – "Also competed in hurdles, jumps, Junior year was her first year of track, and she broke the 100 meter hurdle and triple jump records, competed at the All-State Meet in the triple jump. I would have loved to see what she could do in her second year in this sport."

Leslie reflected on her seniors, saying she loves seeing the evolution of the athlete from start to finish.

"I love watching the personal growth that happens from freshman to senior year and these girls have grown into compassionate and supportive people and have brought a positive light to the team that, as anyone who coaches or teaches

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Valley Wheel Baseball looking for new players

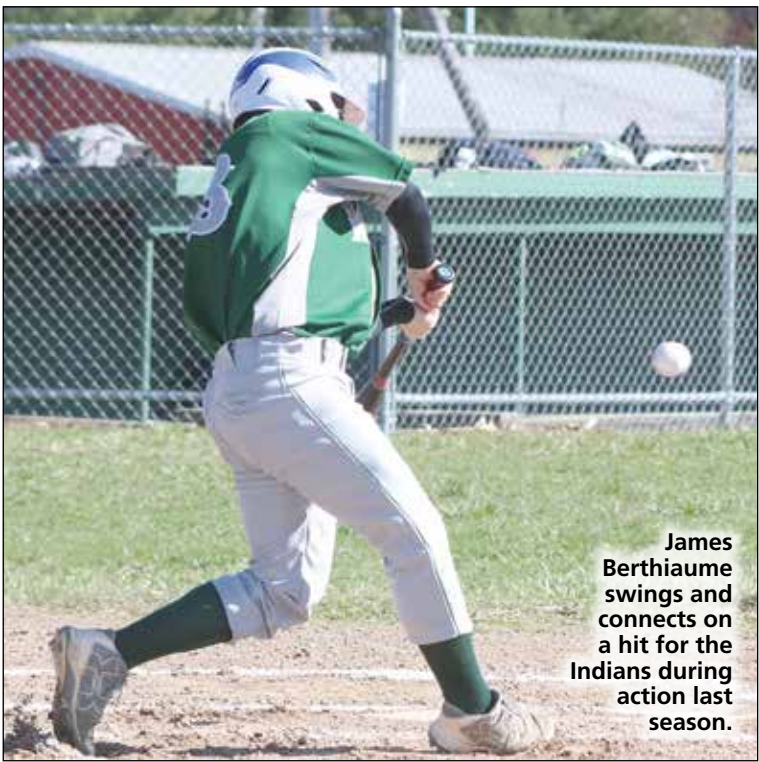
REGION – The Valley Wheel Over-30 Baseball League is seeking new players for the upcoming 2020 season. The league is seeking players ages 28 and up. Players turning 28 this year are eligible. However, only players 30 and older can pitch. The league plays 15 regular season games with games being held mostly on Sundays with a couple of weekday games thrown in the mix as well as a special Mother's Day Saturday game in early May. However, due to the current circumstances, the league schedule has been pushed back. The league

still plans to play its season once bans on gatherings are lifted. The league is built on comradery, fair play, and having a good time with friends. If interested in trying out, go to www.valley-wheelbaseball.com. The rules of the league and new player forms can be found on the site. For further information, you can contact the league's commissioner, Jim Nason at wheel12@comcast.net or call him at (413) 433-4308. Tryouts will be take place as soon as conditions are allowed, but new player applications are still being accepted.

Sign-ups on hold for Quabbin League

REGION – The Quabbin Valley Over-30 Baseball League is seeking new players for 2020 season. The league has six teams, several with open roster spots. Last year, the league voted to allow players age 28 and 29 to be able to join the league, though players under 30 are not eligible to pitch. The cost of the league this season is \$192. For returning and new players, sign-ups have been placed on hold until a determination has been made on the season going forward. The league

is hopefully to begin play sometime in June or July. The season is 15 regular season games plus at least one playoff game. A modified schedule is being worked on by league officials. Games are nine innings and metal (BBCOR -3) or wood bats are allowed. Fields locations are throughout Western Mass. For more information on the league, or if you are interested in registering, go to <https://www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org/>. The league is also in Facebook.



James Berthiaume swings and connects on a hit for the Indians during action last season.

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we would of worked very hard on that facet of the game. This group was ready to go and I am saddened we lost out."

Slattery has visited Memorial Field on a few occasions to think about his players.

"I have been to the field several times to just walk around

and think of my guys and what they have lost," said Slattery. "My seniors are all baseball guys and to lose their senior season is just not fair. Many of my guys have aspirations to play at the next level and losing a year really hurts. It's tough to practice at home or get better because you need the equipment but I know many are working out and trying to stay in shape."



Loretta Medeiros, who likes French Impressionism, recreated Claude Monet's "Woman with Parasol."

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version of "The Scream" by Edvard Munch, a Norwegian painter, who created several versions of his man with his mouth, appearing to be screaming.

"It was challenging but I absolutely loved it, it was a very fun thing to do," she said.

Three other artists were on hand for unveilings: Raquel Laine, Loretta Medeiros and Jennifer Geldard.

Geldard chose to paint "The Son of Man" by Rene Margritte, of Belgium, which shows a man in a suit with a large green apple paint-

ed over his face.

"It's been a painting I've been fascinated with since I was a young girl," she said, and she enjoyed painting it.

Laine, who teaches art at Valley View School, chose William H. Johnson's "Cafe." It isn't her usual style but she was attracted to the bright colors and the thick lines in the painting and enjoyed reproducing them. "I worked to understand what's going on in the painting, and I listened to jazz music while I was painting it," she said. With two young ones at home she managed to find studio time to create it. "They would come in and look



Marie Lauderdale, with artist Raquel Laine, films short videos last Saturday about the paintings, which can be viewed on Workshop13's Facebook page.



Workshop Executive Director Marie Lauderdale talks about her masterpiece recreation of "The Scream" by Edvard Munch on Main Street. It is part of eight re-created masterpieces as a way to dress up downtown and be part of a community art project.

at it," she said. At one point, her cat took a swipe at it and smeared a little paint.

Medeiros chose a piece by one of her favorite painters, Claude Monet. She chose to reproduce "Woman with Parasol."

"I like French Impressionists and this really drew me to it," she said. Working a little bit at a time, she was able to layer it up, and thoroughly enjoyed the process of painting it.

Each painting has a plaque that gives information on the artist, the name of the painting and the artist who re-created it so it provides art appreciation and education.

The theme of Where?Ware! Is also meant to bring attention to downtown. A large poster accompanying the masterpieces states that people will find a destination for commerce, recreation and the arts in Ware, somewhere worth seeing, which is the town's marketing motto.

"In February 2016, a raging fire tore through these Main Street storefronts, displacing several businesses and residents and leaving these spaces uninhabitable," the poster states. "Like a phoenix rising from the ashes, these works of art are meant to breathe new life into our downtown. We they inspire creativity, give hope for our future, and encourage new businesses to join us on Main Street."

Part of the downtown art projects includes a community-based project that will provide inspiration to others, Lauderdale said.

Just as community members came together last year and colored feather and bird art to form the #WhatLlfsYouWare wings public art, this year they are asking people to draw and decorate word art. The designs can be completed on a

word art on a piece of paper. Artists can then drop it off at a box outside the entrance to BT Copy Center, which is located above Hanna Devine's on Main Street, with an entrance door on North Street.

Dennis Craig, owner of BT's and the restaurant, will scan all the art in and print them on special adhesive paper with ink that will stand up to the elements. "We're just so thrilled he wanted to be part of this again," she said.

Those who don't feel as if they are artistically inclined can also use coloring pages of word art that can be found through links on Workshop13's website. They can be colored in and submitted as well.


All of the word art will be part of The Ware It's At mural and will be located either to the left or right of the Wings community art on Main Street. Well-known fantasy artist Gary Lippincott will be taking the Wings shape in hand and repainting them as much of the art has faded or otherwise weathered by being outdoors, she said.

Workshop13 members will figure out how all the submissions fit together to make a piece of art, she said. "We'll make sense of it all," Lauderdale said.

There may be a fourth art project although it isn't certain yet but Roc Goudreau, who also has animation skills, may draw characters, which would be put on banners and displayed in the windows of the second floors of some Main Street buildings near the community art project.

These public art installations will go up when the stay at home order is lifted. Community members can contribute by submitting word art or making a donation to Workshop13 at www.workshop13.org.

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Quabbin's Sam Prentiss pole vaults to victory as district champion in 2019.

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high school students knows, is sometimes difficult to achieve in large groups," said Leslie. "I feel for the seniors who have lost out on the experiences that the last semester of high school holds and while I know that it's probably easy for them to feel discouraged, I also know that this group of girls in particular will be able to see the bigger picture and will continue to grow despite their current circumstances."

Leslie believed the seniors who were coming back were in for a big season.

"I was looking forward to a successful season with these girls leading the way," said Leslie. "I do feel a huge hole in my afternoons where I should be out at the track working hard with my team. This season we would have had most of the events covered in terms of being able to enter someone who could place well at any meet, I think we would have been strong league contenders and would have had many of our athletes qualify for post-season competitions."

public safety

Ware Police Log

Tuesday, May 12
6:12 a.m. Silent, 911 Call North Street – Services Rendered
7:59 a.m. Ambulance Request Bondsville Road – Services Rendered
9 a.m. Arrest West Street – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge
12:10 p.m. Accident, Vehicle West Street – Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000
1:27 p.m. Ambulance Request Longview Avenue – Services Rendered
10:13 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Highland Village – Referred to Other Agency
10:27 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Robbins Road – Services Rendered

Wednesday, May 13
6:09 a.m. Ambulance Request Otis Avenue – Referred to Other Agency
11 a.m. Missing Person Mattson Boulevard – Services Rendered
1:09 p.m. Ambulance Request Cummins Road – Services Rendered
5:56 p.m. Disturbance Warebrook Road – Services Rendered
6:19 p.m. Missing Person North Street – Investigated, Report Filed
7:37 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Upper Church Street – Area Searched Negative Find

Thursday, May 14
12:03 a.m. Missing Person North Street – Investigated, Report Filed
2:04 a.m. Disturbance, Howard Road – Services Rendered
9:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Warren Road – Written Warning
9:47 a.m. Vandalism Pleasant Street – Services Rendered
11:24 a.m. Ambulance Request West Street – Services Rendered
1:55 p.m. Neighbor Dispute Babcock Tavern Road – Services Rendered
6:26 p.m. Threat Report Highland Village – Investigation Pending

Friday, May 15
1:14 a.m. Disturbance, Aspen Street – Area Searched Negative Find
8:48 a.m. Ambulance Request Maple Street – Services Rendered
9:10 a.m. Larceny, Theft Report Warebrook Drive – Referred to Other Agency

10:44 a.m. Vandalism Pine Street – Services Rendered
2:32 p.m. Alarm Burglar West Street – Services Rendered
5:11 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person West Main Street – Area Searched Negative Find
7:55 p.m. Disorderly Conduct West Main Street – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge
Arrest: John J. Barber, 59, Ware
Disorderly Conduct c272 §53; Resist Arrest; Assault and Battery on Police Officer
8:16 p.m. Accident, Vehicle Belchertown Road – Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000
9:28 p.m. Disturbance Bellevue Avenue – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge
10:10 p.m. Fire, Report Monson Turnpike Road – Referred to Other Agency
10:40 p.m. Ambulance Request Hillside Village – Referred to Other Agency

Saturday, May 16
2:04 a.m. Ambulance Request Otis Avenue – Services Rendered
6:55 a.m. Ambulance Request Vernon Street – Services Rendered
8:44 a.m. Fraud Hillside Village – Services Rendered
9:01 a.m. Fire, Report Eddy Street – Services Rendered
9:47 a.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Fisherdict Road – Services Rendered
10:15 a.m. Ambulance Request West Street – Services Rendered
12:55 p.m. Ambulance Request Palmer Road – Services Rendered
1:06 p.m. Disturbance Prospect Street – Services Rendered
3:18 p.m. Larceny, Theft Report Old Belchertown Road – Investigated, Report Filed
5:10 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person West Street – Services Rendered
5:31 p.m. Drug/Narcotics Violation Eddy Street – Investigated, Report Filed
6:25 p.m. Disturbance Morse Avenue – Services Rendered
6:44 p.m. Ambulance Request West Street – Referred to Other Agency
7:40 p.m. Abandoned, 911 Call Berkshire Drive – Services Rendered
7:50 p.m. Ambulance Request Palmer Road – Services Rendered
8:35 p.m. Fire, Report Coffey Hill Road – Referred to Other Agency

Sunday, May 17
6:47 a.m. Trespassing Complaint Walnut Street – Criminal Complaint Issued
9:46 a.m. Accident, Vehicle River Road – Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000
12:18 p.m. Accident, Vehicle Old Belchertown Road – Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000
12:53 p.m. Disturbance Hillside Village – Investigation Pending
1:27 p.m. Disturbance Pulaski Street – Investigated, Report Filed
5:14 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Pleasant Street – Services Rendered
7:06 p.m. Disturbance Parker Street – Investigation Pending
7:11 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Hillside Village – No Police Service Necessary
7:19 p.m. Disturbance Storrs Street – Services Rendered
7:42 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Eagle Street – Services Rendered

Monday, May 18
3:46 a.m. Accident, Vehicle Belchertown Road – Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000
9:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Belchertown Road – Written Warning
11:11 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Belchertown Road – Written Warning
11:35 a.m. Ambulance Request West Street – Services Rendered
12:47 p.m. Accident, Vehicle Belchertown Road – Services Rendered
12:55 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Pleasant Street – Services Rendered
2:11 p.m. Threat Report North Street – Services Rendered

Tuesday, May 19
3:49 a.m. Ambulance Request Old Belchertown Road – Referred to Other Agency
7:16 a.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Crescent Street – Services Rendered
7:52 a.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person North Street – Services Rendered
9:44 a.m. Harassment Complaint Dugan Road – Services Rendered
10:04 a.m. Alarm Burglar West Street – Services Rendered
11:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Main Street – Written Warning

Warren Police Log

Sunday, May 10
12:24 p.m. Officer Wanted Central Street - Transported to Hospital
4:34 p.m. Alarm, Commercial Bridges Avenue - Canceled

Monday, May 11
9:47 a.m. Motor Vehicle Suspicious Miller Drive - Negative Contact
12:22 p.m. Neighbor Dispute Cutler Road Extension - Officer Spoke to Party
4:02 p.m. Disturbance, Person(s) Southbridge Road - Investigation (On-going)
Summons: Jose Velez, 38, Springfield
Assault and Battery with Dangerous Weapon; Use Motor Vehicle Without Authority; Assault and Battery with Dangerous Weapon

Tuesday, May 12
10:04 a.m. Larceny Main Street - Report Filed
Summons: Sheantealee Reed,

27, Ware
Shoplifting by Concealing Merchandise
Summons: James H. Carberry, 38, Ware
Shoplifting by Concealing Merchandise
Summons: Sheantealee Reed, 27, Ware
Drug, Larceny of; Larceny from Building
12:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Suspicious South Street - Services Rendered
1:11 p.m. 911 - Hang-up/ Misdial/Abandoned/Silent Cronin Road - Information Taken
3:30 p.m. Vandalism Main Street - Investigated
4:39 p.m. Vandalism Main Street - Officer Spoke to Party

Wednesday, May 13
11:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Erratic Cross Street - Negative Contact
2:31 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Prospect Street -

Transported to Hospital
2:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Suspicious Nelligan Terrace - Officer Spoke to Party
5:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Erratic Old West Warren Road - Negative Contact
6:13 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Nelligan Terrace - Transported to Hospital
8:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Suspicious Bemis Road - Negative Contact

Thursday, May 14
3:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Erratic Grove Street - Negative Contact

Friday, May 15
1:23 p.m. 911 - Hang-up/ Misdial/Abandoned/Silent Knox Trail Road - Confirmed Misdial
1:23 p.m. Fire, Illegal Burn Main Street - Fire Extinguished
5:17 p.m. Fire, Illegal Burn Moore Avenue - Fire Extinguished
7:24 p.m. Disturbance, Person(s) Main Street - Officer Spoke to Party

New Braintree Police Log

Wednesday, May 13
11:50 a.m. Initiated – Stolen Motor Vehicle Memorial Drive – Dispatch Handled
12:33 p.m. Initiated – Stolen Motor Vehicle Memorial Drive – Dispatch Handled
6:18 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Citation Issued
7:03 p.m. 911 – Misdial Barre Road – Services Rendered

Friday, May 15
6:25 p.m. Phone – Suspicious Activity Hardwick Road – Taken/ Referred to Other Agency
6:28 p.m. Initiated – Disabled Motor Vehicle Hardwick Road – Services Rendered
8:26 p.m. 911 – Safety Hazard Old Turnpike Road – Officer Handled
8:37 p.m. Phone – Alarm Memorial Drive – Dispatch

Handled
8:41 p.m. 911 –Safety Hazard Hardwick Road – Removed Hazard
8:54 p.m. Radio – Safety Hazard West Brookfield Road – Removed Hazard
9:05 p.m. Initiated –Safety Hazard Barre Cutoff Road – Removed Hazard
9:20 p.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard Cemetery Road – Removed Hazard
9:34 p.m. Radio – Safety Hazard Barre Road – Removed Hazard
9:37 p.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard Ravine Road – Removed Hazard
9:43 p.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard Hardwick Road – Unknown Outcome
9:57 p.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard Wine Road – Removed

Hazard
10:02 p.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard West Road – Removed Hazard
10:31 p.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard Unitas Road – Removed Hazard
10:33 p.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard Goodfield Road – Removed Hazard
10:40 p.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Oakham Road – Unknown Outcome

Saturday, May 16
7:18 a.m. Phone – Safety Hazard West Road – No Action Required

Sunday, May 17
4:04 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Davis Road – Transported to Hospital
3:37 p.m. Phone – Medical Emergency Barr Road – Transported to Hospital

John A. Clark

WARE – John A. Clark, 68, of Ware, passed away peacefully surrounded by his



loving family on Friday, May 15, 2020, in Baystate Medical Center. John was born in Palmer on June 19, 1951, son of the late John and Stephanie (Kusek) Clark.

John graduated from Ware High School, where he was a standout baseball player, proudly hitting home runs over the fence into the Ware River. He retired as a cleaner from Rathbone Precision Metals Inc., in Palmer, in 2018 after 13 years of service.

During his leisure time, John enjoyed the New York Yankees (for which he was harassed by many who knew him), the New England Patriots, Cape Cod trips and loved spending time on the Swift River with his wife, family and friends. John will be fondly remembered by those who knew him as “The King of the Swift River,” his love for bass fishing, deer hunting, (especially with the bow), playing cribbage and a nice ice cold craft beer. In 2019, John bowled in a Monday night 10-pin bowling league and was so proud of his 298 game, always striving to hit that 300. John was a man that dressed accordingly; he had a matching hat for every outfit he wore.

Above all, John was so proud of his children and grandchildren and all of their accomplishments - he loved spending time with them and watching them play sports. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him, including his loving wife, best friend and soulmate of 45 years, Anne Marie/

Death notices

Clark, John A.
Died May 15, 2020
Memorial Mass at a later date
Beers & Story Funeral Home
Palmer

Dudek, May (Macuga)
Died May 7, 2020
Services will be private
Cebula Funeral Home
Ware

Kubaska, Henry A.
Died May 17, 2020
Services will be private
Cebula Funeral Home
Ware

Mama Bear (Putz) Clark; his three children, Shawn Clark, wife, Allyson, of Ware, Heather Emery, husband, Ian, of Palmer, and Chad Clark, of Ware; his eight grandchildren: Ethan Jones, Aiden, Rhys Clark; Aliviah, Abigail, Ian Emery; Alexandra and Brayden Clark; sister, Paula Clark, of Florida; as well as many extended family members and very special friends. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Lisa Clark. Services for John will be private and a memorial Mass will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in John’s name to Shriners Hospital for Children, Office of Development, 516 Carew St. Springfield, MA 01104, [bostonchildrens.org/givenow](https://www.bostonchildrens.org/givenow) or mail checks to the Boston Children’s Hospital payable to Boston Children’s Hospital Trust, 401 Park Drive Suite 602, Boston, MA 02215-5301, or the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Gift Processing, 133 Federal St., 2nd Floor Boston, MA 02110.

For more information, visit www.beersandstory.com.

May (Mary) Dudek

WARE – May (Macuga) Dudek passed away into eternity on May 7, 2020, at the age of 99. May lived her entire life in Ware, a town that she loved. She was employed for many years at the former Ware Woolen Mills.

May was pre-deceased by her husband Leon Dudek, her beloved parents, Viola and Frank Macuga, her beloved step-father, John Dudek, her brother, Henry Macuga, and her sister, Irene Tombor. She leaves behind her

niece, Linda Richards, and her husband, Gene, of Belchertown, and grand nieces, Hilary McCarthy and Martha Richards.

For many years, May enjoyed traveling both in this country and internationally with her sister, Irene, and friends, Rose Barbiasz and Jenny Konieczny. She was a loving care taker to her mother, Viola, and step-father, John, in their final years, May was a gentle soul, whose greatest pleasure was talking to family and friends, and

meeting new people. She loved her family, friends, and her house in Ware. Memorial donations can be made to “Ware Making the Bells Ring Town of Ware, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082.

Services for May are private, and will be held at a later date. Cebula Funeral Home was entrusted with May’s final arrangements. For more information and online guest book please visit www.cebulafuneralhome.com.

Henry Albert Kubaska

WARE – Henry A. Kubaska, 69, passed away on May 17, 2020, of complications due to Covid 19. He was born on April 24, 1951, in Poland. He was the son of the late Ludwik and Julia (Wozniak) Kubaska. Henry previously worked at the American Athletic Shoe Mill. He was a member of the American Legion and served in the Army National Guard.

Henry is survived by his sister, Lee Swist, and her husband, Victor, of Wilbraham, and his brother, Joseph, and his wife, Diane, of Hardwick. Henry also leaves behind many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held privately. Cebula Funeral Home



was entrusted with the final arrangements. For more information and guest book, please visit www.cebulafuneralhome.com.

Donations in his honor may be made to Second Chance Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 136, East Brookfield, MA, 01515.

Hardwick Police Log

Monday, May 11
3:29 p.m. Initiated – Stolen Motor Vehicle Greenwich Road – Spoken To
10:44 p.m. 911 – Motor Vehicle Accident Main Street – Report Taken

Tuesday, May 12
2:26 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency North Road – Services Rendered
10:34 a.m. 911 – Disturbance Bridge Street – Verbal Only
2:29 p.m. Initiated – Fire, Brush Lower Road – Investigated
6:11 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Church Lane – Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, May 13
9:28 a.m. 911 – Misdial Turkey Street – Services Rendered
3:15 p.m. Radio – Motor Vehicle Accident Barre Road – Report Taken

Thursday, May 14
10:09 a.m. 911 – Assist Other Agency Common Street – No Action Required
3:26 p.m. 911 – Fire, Illegal Burn/Permit Church Street – Extinguished

Friday, May 15
1:32 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Railroad Lane – Transported to Hospital
8:28 p.m. Phone – Assist Other Agency Ware – Transferred Call to C3

8:32 p.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Barre Road – Unknown Outcome
8:46 p.m. 911 –Safety Hazard Petersham Road – Unknown Outcome
8:54 p.m. 911 –Safety Hazard Prouty Lane – Unknown Outcome
8:59 p.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Greenwich Road – Unknown Outcome
9 p.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard Lower Road – Officer Handled
9:36 p.m. 911 –Safety Hazard Petersham Road – Unknown Outcome
10:04 p.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Patrill Hollow Road – Removed Hazard
10:23 p.m. Radio – Safety Hazard Jackson Road – Unfounded

Saturday, May 16
12:17 a.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Ridge Road – Unknown Outcome
11:25 a.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard Lower Road – Officer Handled
4:25 p.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Barre Road – Taken/ Referred to Other Agency
11:06 p.m. Phone – Suspicious Activity North Street – Spoken To

Sunday, May 17
5:06 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Greenwich Road –

Editor’s Note: People in this country are presumed to be innocent until found guilty in a court of law. Police provide us with the information you read on this page as public record information. If you or any suspect listed here is found not guilty or has charges dropped or reduced, we will gladly print that information as a follow-up upon being presented with documented proof of the court’s final disposition.

Officer Handled
10:09 a.m. Phone – Suspicious Activity Bridge Street – Negative Contact
1:34 p.m. 911 – Gun Shots Greenwich Road – Spoken To
2:25 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Church Lane – Transported to Hospital
7:08 p.m. Phone – Property Damage Parker Court – Services Rendered
7:10 p.m. Phone – Fire Alarm Prospect Street – Services Rendered

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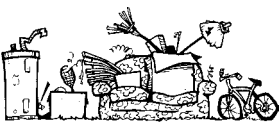
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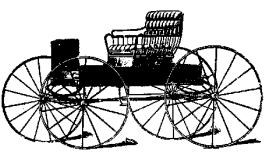
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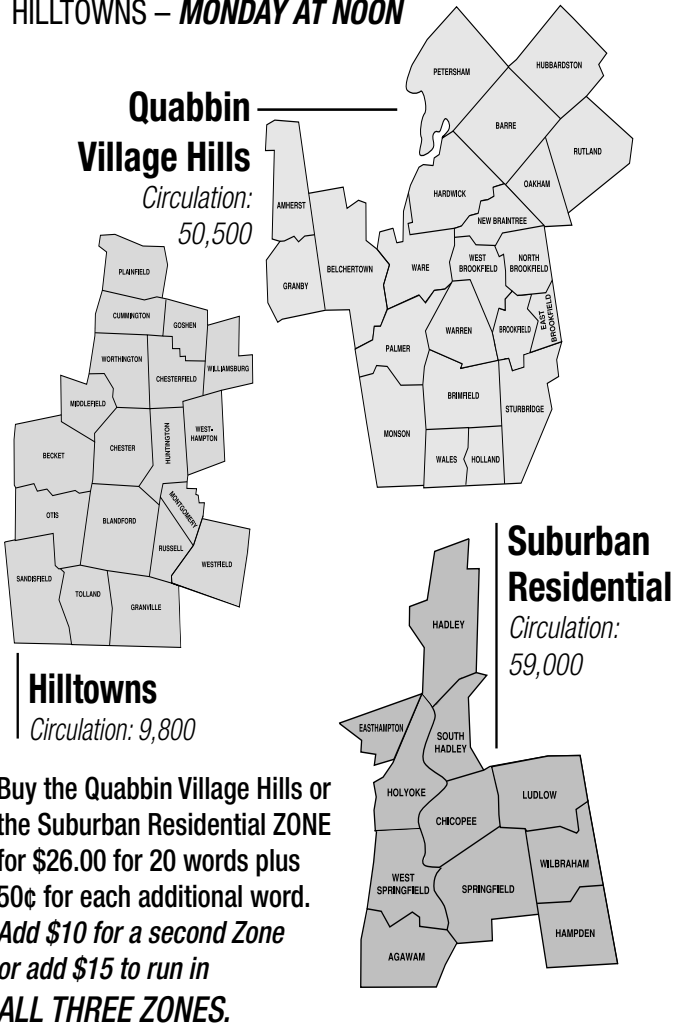
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Notice of Public Hearing Planning Board LEGAL NOTICE SP-2020-02

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ware Planning Board, acting as the Special Permit Granting Authority, will hold a Public Hearing on **THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2020 AT 7:00 PM** on the application of MRL, LLC and Cedar Roots. The Applicant seeks to obtain an **Extension of Time for Special Permit and Site Plan Approval** to commence approved project SP-2019-03 and SPR-2019-02 in accordance with Section 7.2.3 of the Ware Zoning By-Law and pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A. The hearing will be held in the Selectmen's meeting room, 126 Main Street, Town Hall, Ware, MA. This meeting will be held through a digital platform, refer to the meeting agenda posting for details.

LOCATION: 50 Main Street, Ware, Massachusetts. Said premises being further described in deeds recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 6600, Page 165. Property is also listed on Assessor's Map 57-0-116. Zoned: Mill Yard (MY).

A complete copy of the application may be inspected at the Town Hall in the Town Clerk's office or the Planning Department webpage. Anyone interested or wishing to be heard on the application should appear at the time and place designated above. All interested parties are invited to attend.

WARE PLANNING BOARD

Richard Starodoj,
Chairman

5/14, 5/21/2020

TOWN OF HARDWICK CEMETERY COMMISSION

INVITATION TO BID
The Cemetery Commission is seeking quotes for the mowing and upkeep of the Hardwick common and three cemeteries in the Town of Hardwick including burials and installation of foundations in the Upper Cemetery, beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

The successful bidder will be a reputable qualified provider of these services and will be insured for general liability and worker's compensation.

Scope of Services is available at:

www.townofhardwick.com.
Hard copies are also available at the Municipal Office Building.

Written quotes will be accepted until Monday, June 1, 2020 by 3:00PM. Quotes may be mailed or hand delivered to the Cemetery Commissioners, Municipal Office Building, 307 Main Street, P.O. Box 575, Gilbertville, MA 01031. The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids received and to waive informalities in any and all bids.

James Swett
Hardwick Cemetery
Commission

5/14, 5/21/2020

Invitation to Bid Town of Hardwick, Massachusetts FY 2021 Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel, #2 Heating Oil, Propane, Heating Equipment Service and Gasoline

The Hardwick Board of Selectmen as awarding authority, invites sealed bids for the procurement of the following goods and services:

Item 1. Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel - Highway Department
Item 2. #2 Heating Oil

All Public Buildings
Item 3. Propane Gas
Item 4. Heating
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Item 5. Gasoline

Bid specifications are available on the towns' website www.townofhardwick.com or by request via email at admin@townof-hardwick.com

Sealed bids plainly marked, for road materials and/or the items listed above will be received at the office of the Town Administrator, 307 Main Street, Gilbertville, Massachusetts, 01031 until 4:00 P.M. on Monday, Monday June 8th, 2020.

Bids will be opened and publicly read at the Selectmen's Meeting held at the Municipal Office Building, 307 Main Street, Gilbertville, MA on Monday June 8th, 2020 at 6:30 PM. **Please note, the meeting may be held remotely/virtually if the current ban of social gathering has not been lifted by the Governor prior to this meeting. Information on how to attend the remote/virtual meeting will be posted on the Town's website in advance of said meeting.**

Bids may be mailed or delivered to the Town Administrator's Office, Municipal Office Building, 307 Main Street, P.O. Box 575, Gilbertville, MA 01031.

The Town of Hardwick reserves the right to reject any and all bids deemed not to be in the best interest of the Town.

Kenan P. Young,
Chairman
Board of Selectmen
Town of Hardwick
5/14, 5/21/2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampshire Division 15 Atwood Drive Northampton, MA 01060 (413)586-8500 Docket No. HS20P0232EA Estate of: John J. Midura Date of Death: March 6, 2020 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Michael A. Midura** of Ware, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Michael A. Midura of Ware, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
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Open more often

So the pantry survives and feels gratitude for the generosity of people all over town and especially the will and leadership and work of the Tri-Parish. The biggest change it has made in the past two years is to open twice a month: the first and third Fridays, as opposed to just the first Friday. Those who work at the pantry, and in the spirit of the church as well, also see part of its mission as giving special care to the needs of our most needy clients.

It sees that people who need winter coats and boots, hats and gloves have them. These come from the Kelly family and Jo's Jackets. When they have donations of adult-size jackets and boots they give them to people who are food pantry clients. As time goes by, those clients thus have jackets and fewer and fewer are needed. But this year there were some major needs at the Windsor Hotel and Prospect Street Shelter, which house about 30 people; all of them are the poorest and most vulnerable clients. At the beginning

of the year they were asked about their needs, mostly it was underwear, pants, shirts, pajamas, sheets and pillows that were needed. The pantry got those at considerable expense, but feeling is that it is part of what the pantry is about.

In the same vein, recently the pantry bought soap for each of the people at the Windsor and Prospect Street Shelter, who have common bathrooms and small kitchens. The pantry volunteers are tremendously worried about the danger of this shared space and the fact that most of the people in the buildings are not in the best of health. They were given hand-washing instructions with each bottle. For the same reason, and thinking of people in the apartments in Gilbertville, which have shared stairways and close quarters, the pantry has ordered 60 cloth masks.

The pantry and the church are also grateful, really especially grateful to the volunteers who keep the pantry going week-to-week and month-to-month, including Barbara Larson, Barbara Page, John Horgan, Eric Pugh, Jill Stolgitis, Alan Saunders, Sue Twarog and Liz and Jerry Reilly.

Ware Boy Scout Troop 281 Bottle and Can Drive

WARE – Due to COVID 19 restrictions, we are unable to hold a drop off based Bottle and Can drive at this time. However, if you have four or more bags of bottles and cans, as many as you have, the troop is more than willing to set up a pick up at peoples' homes. Please contact Scoutmaster Dan Flynn at 413-297-5886 or email scoutdad281@charter.net. Thank you for the continued support of your local Boy Scout program.

NEWS & FEATURES

As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue's relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

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Second Chance receives grant to help local pets during COVID-19 outbreak

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Second Chance Animal Services has received a \$10,000 grant from the Humane Society of the United States to help local pets whose owners have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak.

Second Chance, which operates full-service veterinary hospitals in Springfield, Worcester and North Brookfield, has remained open to provide urgent, emergency and

chronic veterinary care for pets during the crisis, and has seen the financial impact on their community.

“The COVID-19 outbreak has been especially difficult for the members of our community who were struggling before this crisis hit. Pets mean so much to their families, especially during times of isolation and fear, and the grant we received from the Humane Society of the United States is

enabling us to keep people and their pets together during this crisis,” said Development Director Lindsay Doray.

Recognizing that the ability to afford veterinary care was a major reason pet owners were surrendering beloved pets, the nonprofit founded their community veterinary hospital program to combat pet homelessness. Second Chance vet hospitals are open to everyone and offer subsidized rates for

qualified households. “This grant will help pet owners get the care their pet needs during this difficult time” said Doray, who added that the funds will help pets with the most serious medical needs.

Hospital Director Julie Sullivan reports that Second Chance’s Springfield location continues to see twice their normal case load since the crisis began. “Long-time and new clients have been so grateful we are here for their pets,”

said Sullivan.

For the safety of pet owners and staff, all three vet hospitals collect pets from parking lots and side-walks and pet owners attend their pet’s appointment via phone.

The Humane Society of the United States created a COVID-19 Relief Fund in March as the crisis mounted and people began losing the ability to pay for essential supplies and veterinary care for pets. Gifts to the fund are help-

ing address the ripple effect on animals in need due to increased poverty and financial insecurity. Grants will help offset veterinary costs and provide food and supplies to those impacted most, including HSUS Shelter and Rescue Partners and participants in the HSUS Pets for Life program. For more information, visit humanesociety.org.

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